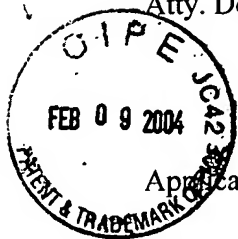


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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, §1.98, Applicant is providing herewith copies of the supplementary items listed on the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. This information is supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements and Forms PTO-1449 filed in the above-referenced case on July 31, 2002 and November 19, 2003.

The submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 is not an admission that the art cited is "prior" with respect to the present invention, nor is it a representation that no better art exists. Applicant hereby reserves the right to swear behind or otherwise disprove any alleged "prior" nature of any art cited should the facts support and the situation warrant such an action.

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It is submitted that the art cited does not constitute a bar to the patentability of Applicant's invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

The items provided herewith are: (1) the *PCT International Preliminary Examination Report* dated December 16, 2003 for PCT/US 02/38560, which is a foreign counterpart application of the above-styled matter, and (2) the *PCT International Search Report* dated March 10, 2003 for PCT/US 02/38662, which is a foreign counterpart application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/010,191 entitled Multiple Seal Design for Composite Risers and Tubing for Offshore Applications, which was referred to and incorporated by reference in the above-styled matter.

As a part of this submission, an electronic Information Disclosure Statement (eIDS) is being transmitted on this date, and includes a listing of the U.S. Patents and Printed Applications that were cited in the above-referenced PCT Reports but have not yet been submitted by the Applicant. A printed copy of that submission is attached hereto. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(e), no paper copies of those U.S. Patent and Published Applications are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-styled matter. Thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), Applicant submits that because no Office Action on the merits has been received following the filing of a RCE, no fee is due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Nonetheless, in the event that a fee is due, please charge the Deposit Account 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C. in the amount of \$180 so that this Information Disclosure Statement may be considered under Rule 1.97(c).

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